

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 86.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE, THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to amend section fifty-one of chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to taxing certain lands in unincorporated places.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section fifty-one, chapter six of the revised statutes, 2 is hereby amended in the third line, by adding after 3 the word "thereon," 'and adjoining townships bene- 4 fitted thereby,' so that said section, as amended, shall 5 read:

6 "When a road is laid over lands, under the provis- 7 ions of section thirty-two, chapter eighteen, the county 8 commissioners shall immediately thereafter, assess 9 thereon and adjoining townships, such an amount as 10 they judge necessary for making, opening, and pay-

11 ing expenses attending it; and such assessment shall
12 create a lien thereon for the payment thereof; and
13 they may make as many divisions as are equitable,
14 conforming as nearly as is convenient to known divis-
15 ions and separate ownerships, and assess upon each a
16 sum proportionate to the value thereof, and the bene-
17 fits likely to result to the same by the establishment of
18 the road; when such assessment will be unreasonably
19 burdensome to such owners, they shall assess an
20 equitable sum on the county and the balance only on
21 such lands. Any person aggrieved by any assessment,
22 may appeal to the supreme judicial court, at the term
23 thereof held first after such assessment; and the pre-
24 siding judge at that term shall, on hearing the case,
25 determine what part of said assessment shall be paid
26 by the owners of the tract or township, and what part,
27 if any, by the county, and there shall be no appeal
28 from such decision. They shall, at the same time, fix
29 the time for making and opening such road, not ex-
30 ceeding two years, and appoint an agent or agents,
31 not members of their board, to superintend the same,
32 who shall give bonds to the treasurer of the county,
33 with sureties to be approved by them, to expend the
34 money faithfully, and to render account thereof on de-
35 mand; and they shall publish a list of the townships
36 and tracts of land so assessed, with the sum assessed on

37 each, and the time in which the road is to be made
38 and opened, in the state paper, and in some paper, if
39 any, printed in the county where the lands lie, three
40 weeks successively, the last publication to be within
41 three months from the date of the assessment.”

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 23, 1874. }

Reported from Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. KNOWL-
TON, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*